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Applicant Shin-E	tsu Polymer Co., Ltd. et al

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	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention	
	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	
	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited	
	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application	
	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application	
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Box No. V Reasoned s	tatement under Rule 43bis. y; citations and explanation	I(a)(i) with regard to r is supporting such state	novelty, inventive step or industrial ement	
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L Statement				
Novelty	(N)	Claims	1-44	YES
		Claims		NO
Inventivo	e step (IS)	Claims		YES
		Claims	1-44	NO
Industria	l applicability (IA)	Claims	1-44	YES
		Claims		NO

#### 2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: WO 2002/097837 A1 (Shinetsu Polymer Co Ltd), 05 December 2002, page 10, lines 23-27, page 16, line 22 to page 17, line 1, page 19, line 19 to page 22, line 15, Fig. 1, Fig. 12 & EP 1398808 A1

Document 2: JP 8-161935 A (Sunstar Engineering Inc), 21 June 1996, claim 5, pgs 0010-0016 & US 5777038 A1

Document 3: JP 2003-507868 A (Durrell Corporation), 25 February 2003, paragraphs 0004, 0023 & WO 2001/015496 A1

Document 4: JP 11-508081 A (Durrell Corporation), 13 July 1999, page 6, lines 3-17, page 11, lines 12-13 & US 5770920 A1

#### Claims 1-4 and 25

Document 1 cited in the ISR (in particular, Fig. 1 and Fig. 12) describes forming an EL sheet provided with an anchor coat layer 17 of, for example, polyurethane in order to achieve adhesion with a transparent electrode 10 which has low adhesion, in addition to a construction constituted by a base electrode 14, a dielectric layer 18b, a light emitting layer 13, the conductive polymer transparent electrode 10, and a transparent insulating film 9, and forming the EL sheet and injecting a key top unit 16 in the recess which occurs, thereby forming the key top portion 3 and achieving the pushbutton switch member. The anchor coat layer is equivalent to the "translucent adhesive layer" here. A person skilled in the art can appropriately set which surface of the transparent electrode which has low adhesion to provide the anchor coat layer to. Accordingly, the inventions of claims 1-4 and 25 do not appear to involve an inventive step.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application
The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
Claims 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, and 39 include cases in which a translucent adhesive layer is not included, but they are not sufficiently supported by the specification.

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Regarding Claims 5-12, 26, 29-36, and 41-42

Documents 2 and 3 cited in the ISR describes using fluorocarbon resin, acrylic resin, or polyester resin, etc., as the binder used for the insulation layer or light emitting layer equivalent to the dielectric layer. Accordingly, claims 5-12, 26, 29-36, and 41-42 do not appear to involve an inventive step.

Regarding Claims 13-24 and 37-40

Document 2 cited in the ISR describes adding an ion exchanger to the insulation layer which is equivalent to the dielectric layer. Accordingly, claims 13-24 and 37-40 do not appear to involve an inventive step.

Regarding Claims 27-29 and 43-44

Document 4 cited in the ISR describes providing a barrier layer made from fluorocarbon resin between the rear electrode layer and the dielectric insulation layer in which BaTiO2 is dispersed, the barrier layer being equivalent to the second dielectric layer. Accordingly, claims 27-28 and 43-44 do not appear to involve an inventive step.